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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a disclosure including a title page, a 49 page specification, 26 pages of claims (Claims 1-157), and a one page abstract. In addition, we have also included drawings on 20 sheets (figures 1-26). The disclosure and drawings constitute the application of Robert P. Madill, Jr., Thomas Glenn Barger, James Lewis Rogers and Progress Qhaqhi Thabani Mtshali for the above-entitled invention.

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